**DRAFT OEDL Board Meeting Minutes**

McCusker’s Tavern

Monday 11/18/24 @ 7 PM

**1. Meeting opening & roll call**

| Mike A.| Bill M.| Alan C.| Greg S.| Paul L.| Pickles| Chris R.| Jim M.

Excused absences: Casey Hare (feeling ill), Paul K (traveling)

Meeting called to order: 7:05 PM

**2. Review and approve prior month’s minutes**

The Board questioned some of the phrasing by the very handsome and surprisingly stylist League Secretary Richman, including referring to himself as “handsome” in the previous minutes. They also asked for an edit to the request to issue Tim McCafferty a written warning for prior offenses, which was adjusted in the final minutes. We voted 7-0 to approve the minutes, with Alan Cahill abstaining since he missed the previous meeting.

**3. Officers’ and Committee reports**

**President + Scheduling/Seeding + Fischer Cup Committee**

We filled in what we knew for certain in President Kuhn’s absence. Pickles shared that the roster for the Fischer Cup on 12/7 is presumably set and good to go, which includes two Delco shooters in Mitch Saadi and Brian Knowles who are eligible due to their participation in the OEDL Thursday nights. The OEDL paid deposits on jerseys.

**Chairman + Hall of Fame**

Chairman Stoffa shared that between 8-10 new names and three venues have been added to the list of candidates for the OEDL Hall of Fame. We agreed to do another push on social media to encourage people to nominate additional names for the list, perhaps noting that people can’t complain if names don’t get in if they weren’t nominated. We also encouraged members of the Board to add nominations as well.

Secretary Richman shared that he attempted to connect with the VFW in University City which in some documents is listed as the original location for the OEDL. He dropped a letter off at the location with a request to connect but has not heard anything back.

**Treasurer + Budget Committee**

Treasurer BillMo again shared that we’re unable to officially close the books on the prior year’s budget due to invoices still missing for awards and apparel from Fall 23 and Spring 24. Alan shared that while he was recently in the hospital that he missed a call from Jimmy Cogs, head of the previous year’s Awards Committee, but wasn’t able to take the call and wondered if perhaps it was an update on awards. Richman said he’d checked in with Cogs about his own team’s missing apparel and was assured it would be arriving “soon.”

We discussed that some fees for Fall 2024 were still unpaid, specifically from Cav’s HeadHouse and Curran’s. Pickles explained in the case of Cav’s HH it was due to a miscommunication between the venue and the players and he’d make sure it was taken care of.

**DartConnect Administrator**

Paul L. shared that seven teams shot short in week 7, and explained the process of receiving event reports from DartConnect each week that alert him to any times teams are short shooters in specific games.

Paul said he’s starting to set up for the upcoming playoffs and will share current player eligibility to captains so they’re aware where everyone stands on their rosters. He’ll remind them that all shooters need to play in at least six matches to qualify.

**League Director + Events**

League Director Pickles shared that he spoke with VP Alan Cahill on rules changes. We again brought up the question of whether captains can change the order of shooters after the bull was thrown after Butchie Holt brought it to our attention, possibly after discussing the matter with Tim McCafferty, who first issued a complaint about it. Alan verified that nothing in the rules says a captain can’t change the order but that it was worth further consideration. We shared with Alan that at the previous meeting he’d missed, the Board voted on whether we needed to address this issue and we voted against it.

On the topic of events, Pickles shared that he’s in the early stages of developing a new OEDL tournament that can function as an open major within the Philadelphia darts scene. He spoke with Matt Forkin from ASL, who runs their majors, and the idea was put forth to hold a Chicago-style major tournament, with points going toward Philadelphia Premier League consideration. Pickles acknowledged there would be a lot to work out, including official format, whether it’s a multi-day or single-day tournament, the time of year, and venue. He said we should look to the McGinnis as inspiration.

**Vice-president + Rules and Reg**

VP Cahill brought up the Your League Stats website and a need for cleaning it up if we’re moving away from it. He said the current site is very crowded with documents and allows for only 10 MB of data storage. He explained that whenever he has to update Rules & Regs or bylaws, he has to remove other documents to create room. Pickles said we are unlikely to renew the site after March, and Alan said he doesn’t want to delete any documents without someone signing off it. We remembered that Casey Hare had created a Google Drive with documents and we agreed to check with her when we could on that, and possibly download all the stats to store there as well until an OEDL website is ready to launch. Jeff Baxter volunteered to handle the download of the YLS stats.

We agreed a new site should be up and operational by March since that is when our contract with YLS is up. We stressed the importance of getting an OEDL page up and running.

On the topic of previous rules, Alan and Pickles shared that they’d discussed some of the items from the last meeting. They feel the details rescheduling and postponing matches needs to be rewritten, and terminology needs to be more clearly defined. We discussed the problem with smoke breaks causing matches to take too long and shared that since issuing a warning to teams, only two matches have finished later than midnight.

We discussed the idea of changing 1001 in the future to 801, and explained that making that change would not need to go through rules and recs since it’s simply in the format we decide.

Alan stressed that if any other rules need to be adjusted by the spring season that he’d need to hold a dedicated R&R meeting, otherwise nothing could be altered until fall 2025.

**Secretary + Social Media**

Secretary Richman began by assuring everyone that the Facebook page is active, despite not having the time to create long and in-depth weekly previews. He shared that he recently highlighted stats tied to Points per Round, leading to someone complaining that there weren’t cricket stats.

Richman also acknowledged the gap between meetings and the next communications, and vowed to send follow-up emails as soon as meetings concluded with specific action items outlined so officers can get working on them more quickly.

**Equipment**

Nothing to share for the good of the group.

**Awards Director + Website Committee**

We did not share a report due to Casey Hare’s absence.

**5. Old Business**

We once again agreed that Tim McCafferty required a written reprimand based on prior behaviors so that we had an official written record. Secretary Richman agreed to draft something for the group to review.

**6. New Business**

We received a request from Spoonie to alert shooter Thomas Rose that he is not in good standing after his league fees were covered and he failed to reimburse them or to show up to matches after one week. Richman agreed to draft a letter for that matter as well.

**7. Business Not on the Agenda**

**All Star Venue Locations:** We discussed the locations for the fall 2024 all-star shoots, specifically the decision to host two of the fall shoots for divisions 1 and 5 at O’Neals and two at Cav’s Headhouse. No specific issues tied to overcrowding were reported, but we wanted to investigate why two venues hosted two all-star shoots while other venues did not have any. We pointed to instances where venues signed up to host and then were not able successful, using Plough and the Stars as such an example. We also noted that some places were now considered on an unofficial “black list” for hosting due to prior complications. We agreed to bring the topic back up when Paul Kuhn was present.

**Spring Seeding Committee:** The Board agreed it was time to begin thinking about registration and seeding for the spring season. We noted that this will be the first time we’ll have complete stats from DartConnect and how we hope that will make seeding more painless than ever.

**Player’s Championship:** Paul L. asked for another push for the Player’s Championship next coming up on the following Monday at Columbia and Secretary Richman agreed to put it out again.

**8. Next meeting location and date**

The Board agreed to hold the next meeting on 12/9, targeting O’Neals as the location. Approved unanimously.

**9. Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn unanimously approved at 7:48 PM.